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1. WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR INFORMAL EXPLORATION WITH GOP OF
POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO INTERIM SETTLEMENT OF SEIZURES
PROBLEM AND SUGGEST YOU MAKE APPROACH ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. AS RESULT OF AGREEMENT REACHED DURING SECRETARY
ROGER'S VISIT TO LIMA TO RESUME INFORMAL US-GOP FISHERIES
TALKS, US OFFICIALS OUTLINED VARIOUS APPROACHES TO AN
INTERIM SOLUTION BASED ESSENTIALLY ON CONSERVATION
RATIONALE DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP REPRESENTATIVES AT
NEW YORK AND GENEVA. WHILE GOP OFFICIALS AGREED TO
CONSIDER THE US PRESENTATIONS, AMB. MCKERNAN'S DISCUSSIONS
WITH ARIAS SCHREIBER IN GENEVA LEFT US WITH DISTINCT
IMPRESSION THAT GOP DID NOT WISH SERIOUSLY TO PURSUE
INFORMAL FISHERIES TALKS UNTIL WE COULD CLEAR THE WAY FOR
NEGOTIATIONS WITH ECUADOR AS WELL. WE HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL
STEPS INTENDED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR TALKS WITH ECUADOR AND
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ARE STILL VERY ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THAT EFFORT.

B. WE ARE, HOWEVER, PLEASED THAT GOP DESIRES TO RESUME INFORMAL TALKS, AS STATED TO YOU BY FONMIN DE LA FLOR. GOP HAS HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER PRESENTATIONS MADE BY US OFFICIALS, INCLUDING EXPLANATION OF SO-CALLED BRAZIL-TYPE FORMULA (WHICH YOU MAY WISH TO CHARACTERIZE

MORE EUPHEMISTICALLY), AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MORE PRECISE INDICATION OF WHAT GOP HAS IN MIND. (IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IF YOU WOULD PRESS GOP ON THIS, SINCE WE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER PERU HAS ANY CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS TO OFFER RE CONTENT OF PROPOSED CONVERSATIONS OR IS LEAVING ENTIRE INITIATIVE UP TO US.)

C. IN ADDITION TO WHATEVER SUGGESTIONS, IF ANY, GOP MAY OFFER, YOU MAY ALSO WISH EXPLORE IN GENERAL TERMS POSSIBILITY OF PRIVATE "ASSOCIATION CONTRACT" APPROACH TO PERU (STATE 11616), WITHOUT INDICATING WE ARE ALSO EXPLORING THIS CONCEPT WITH ECUADOR.

2. WE WILL WISH TO CONSIDER FURTHER APPROACH TO PERU IN CONTEXT BOTH OF GOP RESPONSE TO YOU AND DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH ECUADOR. AT THIS TIME WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER WE WILL WISH TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS ON MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL BASIS. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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